

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 24, 2006

An act relating to emergency medical services.

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SB 1811, as introduced, Romero. Emergency medical services: certificates.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, provides for the certification of emergency medical technicians through the issuance of certificates, including EMT-I and EMT-II certificates, by local entities, known as local EMS agencies, which are designated by counties. Existing law also permits public safety agencies, for public safety personnel, and the State Board of Fire Services, for fire safety personnel, to issue EMT-I certificates. Existing law provides that the medical director of a local EMS agency or the Emergency Medical Services Authority may deny, suspend, or revoke certificates issued under these provisions, or may place a certificate holder on probation, upon finding the occurrence of any of specified events.

This bill would make findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding consolidated licensure and certification, within the authority, of emergency medical technicians.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that
- 2 consolidated licensure and certification of emergency medical

- 1 technicians within the Emergency Medical Services Authority is
2 intended to accomplish all of the following goals:
- 3 (a) Consistent, effective, and centralized licensing to protect
4 public safety and make California better prepared to address
5 natural or manmade disasters.
- 6 (b) Consistent licensing requirements, interpretation of
7 standards, and enforcement actions across the state.
- 8 (c) Assurance that all emergency medical technicians are
9 subject to criminal background clearances.
- 10 (d) Improved public safety protection and development of a
11 statewide registry of prehospital professionals.